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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL : UN MEMBERSHIP FOR GUINEA-BISSAU

1. AT RECEPTION JUNE 25 MAURITANIAN PERMREP AND CURRENT SC PRES EL HASSEN, SUPPORTED BY ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL, APPROACHED AMB SCHAUFELE WITH QUERY ON US POSITION REGARDING UN MEMBERSHIP FOR GUINEA-BISSAU. EL HASSEN SAID MATTER WILL PROBABLY NOT BE RAISED DURING HIS PRESIDENCY BUT AFTER PERU TAKES CHAIR IN JULY.

2. SCHAUFELE SAID IT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT US WOULD SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP FOR ENTITY WHICH IT DID NOT RECOGNIZE AS A STATE, NOT FOR POLITICAL REASONS BUT BECAUSE GUINEA-BISSAU DID NOT, IN OUR VIEW, MEET GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED CRITERIA UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. NATURALLY

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US SUPPORTED EXERCISE OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN GUINEA-

BISSAU AND SHOULD INDEPENDENCE BE ACHIEVED IN GOP-PAIGC  
NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HE HOPED ONLY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.  
SCHAUFELE WAS SURE USG WOULD WELCOME SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

3. WHEN EL HASSEN ASKED IF US WOULD OPPOSE MEMBERSHIP,  
SCHAUFELE REPLIED THAT QUESTION WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE  
REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT BRINGING  
MATTER TO SC AT THIS TIME SEEMED CLEARLY PRECIPITATE AND IF  
AFRICANS USING THIS GAMBIT AS PRESSURE TACTIC HE DID NOT  
THINK IT EITHER CONSTRUCTIVE OR LIKELY TO SUCCEED IN  
SPEEDING PACE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. WHEN SCHAUFELE ASKED  
IF ANTICIPATED MOVE RESULTED FROM DECISION AT RECENT OAU  
SUMMIT, EL HASSEN REPLIED IN NEGATIVE. SCHAUFELE POINTED  
OUT THAT EVEN UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES SC VOTE NOW WOULD  
PROBABLY INCLUDE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS WHICH UNDESIRABLE  
AND PERHAPS COULD BE AVOIDED IF AFRICANSE EXERCISED PATIENCE.

4. COMMENT: WE UNABLE ASSESS IF AFRICANS ARE REALLY  
SERIOUS ABOUT PUSHING GUINEA-BISSAU MEMBERSHIP. APPROACH MAY  
BE TACTIC IN SEEKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY EXPEDITE SIGNIFICANT  
FORWARD MOVEMENT ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN GENERAL AND  
GUINEA-BISSAU IN PARTICULAR. IF AFRICANS PERSIST, PERU WILL  
HAVE WHAT MAY BE MESSY, THANKLESS TASK OF PERSIDING OVER  
CONSIDERATION THIS ITEM EVEN IF IT NEVER GETS TO FORMAL SC  
MEETING.

5. WE ASSUME, PERHAPS INCORRECTLY, THAT PUSHING  
MEMBERSHIP QUESTION PROBABLY WILL NOT RPT NOT STRENGTHEN  
POSITION OF THOSE PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS WHO PREPARED  
MOVE MORE RAPIDLY TOWARD AGREEMENT ON SELF-DETERMINATION  
AND INDEPENDENCE. ON THIS BASIS WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE  
AUTHORIZED INFORM EL HASSEN THAT USG BELIEVES CONSIDERATION  
THIS ITEM UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES PREMATURE AND  
POSSIBLY HARMFUL TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGUESE  
TERRITORIES OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS AND WE STRONGLY URGE THAT  
MATTER BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE AVOIND, AT THIS  
POINT, THREATENING US VETO OF GUINEA-BISSAU APPLICATION.

6. AT SAME TIME RE RECOMMEND THAT MATTER BE RAISED  
DISCREETLY WITH UK, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, COSTA RICA  
AND PERU BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS TO GET THEIR VIEWS AND  
TO URGE THEM TO ADVISE AFRICANS NOT TO PURSUE QUESTIONS  
TOO FAR TOO FAST.

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